TOWN OF ABINGDON PLANNING COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING JULY 23, 2001 - 7:30 P.M.

The Regular Meeting of the Abingdon Planning Commission was held Monday, July 23, 2001, at 7:30 P.M. The meeting was held in the Municipal Building, Downstairs Meeting Room.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. F. H. Moore, Jr., Chairman.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Dr. F. H. Moore, Jr., Chairman

Mr. Richard A. Stevens Mr. G. M. Newman Mr. Fred H. St. John Mrs. Harriett DeBose

Comprising a quorum of the Commission

Members Absent:

Mrs. Doris Shuman

Dr. David Brillhart, Vice-Chairman

Administrative Staff:

Mr. Albert C. Bradley, Director of Planning/Zoning

Mr. Jim Smith, Town Engineer Interim

Visitors:

None

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(2) Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting, June 25, 2001

On motion by Mr. Stevens, seconded by Mr. St. John, it was unanimously resolved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting, June 25, 2001.

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(3) PUBLIC HEARING – Amend and reenact Article 14 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia deleting the existing Article 14, M-2 General Industrial District and substituting the proposed new Article 14 PTD Planned Technology Development District. Copies of the proposed new PTD Planned Technology District are on file and available for inspection at the Office of the Town Manager, 133 West Main Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210.

The first agenda item was that of consideration of a new zoning category known as the PTD Planned Technology Development District, which would serve initially the Town's proposed new Technological Industrial Park and which would also be useful in other locations, as necessary.

The proposed new zoning district would replace the current Article 14, M-2 General Industrial District that has never been used by the Town. The Planning Commission at this, and several previous meetings altered the uses, as originally proposed. Several additions were made to the text at the Planning Commission meeting.

After discussion, Mr. Stevens made a motion that the Planning Commission's study be recommended to Town Council for adoption. Mr. St. John seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

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(3) <u>PUBLIC HEARING</u> – Amend and reenact Section 17-11 of the Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Abingdon, Virginia by adding the following:

<u>Section 17-11 Special Provisions for Properties Adjoining the Virginia Creeper</u> Trail

On any property that adjoins the Virginia Creeper Trail, the front shall be determined by the orientation of the structure thereon or structure proposed to be placed thereon. Such structure shall be oriented so as to provide the minimum front, side or rear yards required by the zoning district in which it is located, but in no case shall the distance from the proposed structure to the Virginia Creeper Trail right-of-way be less than ten feet (10').

After discussion, Mr. St. John made a motion that the proposed setback provision be recommended to Town Council for approval. Mr. Stevens seconded the motion, with unanimous approval.

With no further business, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved that the meeting be adjourned.

Dr. F. H. Moore, Jr., Chairman

G. M. Newman, Secretary